



Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services



HEALTH ALERT NETWORK

Update



TO: Nebraska Healthcare Providers, Local Health Departments, Pharmacies, ERs, Student Health Centers, and Urgent Care Centers

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RE: Contact Information for Chief Medical Officer, State Epidemiologist and Local Health Departments

DATE: October 25, 2012

This is a follow up communication to Nebraska health care providers regarding the outbreak of fungal meningitis associated with injectable steroid and produced by a compounding pharmacy in Massachusetts. Fungus has been isolated from at least nine patients, one patient had *Aspergillus spp* and several patients had *Exserohilum rostratum*. The current case count is at 137, with 12 fatalities. Based on our communications with the CDC and FDA there is no evidence that the implicated product was distributed to Nebraska. Available documentation indicates the product was distributed to California, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Of note, this Massachusetts compounding pharmacy is licensed to distribute in Nebraska. We encourage physicians and other health care providers to remain vigilant for the possibility of infections related to this outbreak. If you have any questions or concerns about such a possibility please contact your local health department, or state public health staff, via the list of contacts provided on page 2.

Please note corrected phone number for Four Corners Health Department. Please replace previous versions with this updated version.

Name	Phone
Nebraska DHHS 24/7	402 471 2937
Local Health Departments	
Central District	308-385-5175
Dakota County	402-987-2164
Douglas County	402- 444-7471/402-444-7000 (after hrs)
East Central	402-562-7500
Elkhorn Logan Valley	402-529-2233
Four Corners	402-362-2621
Lincoln Lancaster	402-441-8053/402-441-8000 (after hrs)
Loup Basin	308-346-5795
North Central	402-336-2406
Northeast	402-375-2200
Panhandle	308-487-3600
Public Health Solutions	402-826-3880
Sandhills	308-284-6054
Sarpy/Cass County	402-339-4334
Scotts Bluff	308-436-6636
South Heartland	402-462-6211
Southeast	402-274-3993
Southwest	308-345-4223
Three Rivers	402-727-5396
Two Rivers	888-669-7154/308-991-6313 (after hrs)
West Central	308-696-1201